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Prices began the week unchanged in New York, while elsewhere prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to higher on mediums. Throughout the week prices were unchanged on all sizes in all locations. The trade sentiment remained steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were in balance to available, mostly sufficient to available for current trade needs. Prices for breaking stock, as well as checks and undergrades were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings light to adequate as most sellers were continuing to move shell eggs into class 1 channels. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules for next week were mixed, mostly full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs for spent hens ranged unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was fair to good with offerings in close balance to slightly short of needs. Schedules for next week were shortened. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were .5-5.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS. SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS. USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady. Retail egg sales were moderate to good with loose egg demand light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to available for all sizes. Warehouse delivered mostly prices on large should have read 78 to 81 cents for the previous days' quotations. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was guiet with offerings light to adequate. Schedules were mixed for next week, mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-85	78-81
MEDIUM	47-56	49-52

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to occasionally available. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate and demand was reported as fair. Spent hens were about adequate to adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-100	86-89
LARGE	80-94	85-89
MEDIUM	53-66	58-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,

Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Dec 23, 2005 Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	
NORTHEAST	81.00	79.00	59.00	
SOUTHEAST	83.50	81.50	58.00	
MIDWEST	74.50	72.50	48.50	
SOUTH CENTRAL	84.50	83.50	57.50	
COMBINED REGIONAL	81.02	79.31	55.77	
Computed from simple we	ekly average	s weighted	by regional ar	ea

populations.

<u>IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN</u> PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN 12-27-05 12-20-05 12-28-04 Large 58-67 53-62 33-41 Medium 29-35 27-33 12-17

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DECEMBER 26, 2005
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

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			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	No	ortheast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.2	12.7	7.1	13.4	11.2	52.6
	Change	-2.1	-1.1	-0.2	0.0	-1.1	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.2	41.3	10.2	21.4	28.6	119.7
· ·	Change	-4.4	10.9	2.0	-0.9	-9.9	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	29.3	114.0	57.5	85.0	75.5	361.3
Largo	Change	-10.3	26.9	2.1	-6.9	-31.5	-5%
	Change	-10.5	20.9	۷.۱	-0.9	-51.5	-3 /6
Medium	Curr Wk	13.1	59.2	13.2	15.4	28.2	129.1
	Change	0.5	3.7	-0.9	-1.0	-4.0	-1%
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Small	Curr Wk	4.2	12.0	0.7	3.9	2.1	22.9
	Change	-0.1	3.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	14%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.2	30.4	10.8	12.9	5.8	63.1
141100	Change	0.2	-4.8	-1.7	-2.3	1.7	-10%
	Change	0.2	-4 .0	-1.7	-2.5	1.7	-1076
Ungraded	Curr Wk	9.9	38.9	27.4	27.7	25.2	129.1
Ü	Change	-0.1	11.3	4.4	6.2	1.2	22%
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Total	Curr Wk	86.1	308.5	126.9	179.7	176.6	877.8
Percent	Change	-16%	20%	5%	-3%	-20%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	877.8 201.1	-1% 12%	169 35	
Total Shell Egg	1078.9	1%	204	

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR. CO. KS. LA. MO. NM. OK. TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 24-DEC-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
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(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)								
			•		,			
	CA	SES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED	
	BRO	KEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK			
CW	1,152,	875	29,972	9,586	5,006	2,559	3,939	
PW	1,239,	764	31,901	10,257	5,389	2,345	4,257	
LY	1,111	,846	25,821	11,231	6,266	2,524	3,941	
% Chg P	WK	-7%	-6%	-7%	-7%	9%	-7%	
% Chg L	Υ	4%	16%	-15%	-20%	1%	0%	
2005	66,576,	597	1,591,392	636,441	341,087	145,644	225,030	
2004	63,176,	850	1,503,939	607,417	328,836	134,953	217,647	
% Chg Y	TD	5%	6%	5%	4%	8%	3%	
Average	Yield P	er C	ase -	Current	Previ	ous	Last	
				Week	W	eek	Year	
(Inedible	Include	ed)		42.07	4	1.78	42.50	
(Inedible	Exclude	ed)		38.65	3	8.35	38.96	

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES	BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE		
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	508,501	44.1%	15,465	51.6%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	512,157	41.3%	15,696	49.2%	
LAST YEAR	498,462	44.8%	12,924	50.1%	

Broiler Fags Set in

Broiler Chicks Placed

BROILER HATCHERY

Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Place		
19 Select	ed States	in 19 Selec	cted States	
DEC 17	DEC 24	DEC 17	DEC 24	
	Thousa	and		
*31,568	31,317	*22,002	21,361	
31,368	31,406	24,418	24,990	
4,068	4,068	5,854	5,738	
1,362	1,358	1,473	1,593	
34,470	33,817	27,601	26,858	
*7,096	6,906	*5,931	5,603	
4,136	4,136	4,057	4,252	
9,013	9,013	5,626	5,912	
18,463	18,492	16,535	16,668	
*18,997	18,841	*15,583	15,407	
*6,661	6,621	4,656	5,071	
4,152	3,989	2,984	3,214	
5,273	4,945	4,579	4,732	
15,143	15,157	12,808	12,795	
6,359	6,373	5,398	5,286	
*17,926	17,797	*16,862	15,602	
*216,055	214,236	*176,367	175,082	
211,111	209,901	172,727	171,547	
102	102	102	102	
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WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Feb-06 is estimated at 161.5 million head. This compares to 160.1 million head the previous week and to 162.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.50 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/22/05-12/28/05 CURRENT LDS 74.25 FUTURE LDS 48.75 TOTAL LDS 123.00

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	S	ĔΕ	N	NE N		/W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	65.50	71.00	67.00	69.93	63.25	60.63	31.00
GNR W 4	_	_	_	30.00	24.63	_	2.00
GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.00
GL W XL	_	_	77.67	81.46	63.55	_	33.00
GL W LG	_	79.22	_	76.00	62.33	71.68	27.00
GL W MD	44.75	46.33	46.83	47.60	39.83	38.00	15.75
GL BR LG	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.00
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	_	37.00	13.00
NRBS - 39	_	_	_	_	15.25	19.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO	RETAIL CHAN	NELS V	V/E 24-DEC	-2005
SELECTED	CW	PW	PC1	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSAND	S	PW	LY
Atlanta	38.9	32.4	20	76
Boston	3.2	3.3	-3	19
Chicago	106.8	102.4	4	32
Detroit	34.7	33.8	3	1
Kansas City	5.1	5.4	-6	4
Los Angeles	122.0	118.7	3	37
New Orleans	6.3	8.0	-21	-10
New York	37.0	35.8	3	9
St. Louis	18.5	23.9	-23	23
San Francisco	21.6	19.2	13	-11
Total	394.1	382.9	3	25
4 Week Moving Avg.	372.2			

<u>JGH I ERI</u>	<u>=D</u> W/E 2	24-DEC-05		
YC	DUNG	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
HENS	TOMS	BREED	ERS	TURKEYS
	THOU	ISANDS		
1,559	1,902	10	0	3,471
16.53	39.71	28.61	0.00	29.27
1,937	2,564	19	1	4,521
1,180	1,628	10	0	2,818
16.98	38.29	24.53	0.00	29.32
93,676	131,084	1,235	211	226,206
88,417	129,726	2,547	353	221,043
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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS Week ending 24-DEC-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

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	YOUNG TU	JRKEY	S	OLD	TOTAL T	URKEYS
THO	DUSAND F	PCT CH	IG AVG	BANDE)	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSA	ND HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	606	-22	24.05	(A)	606	24.05
South Atlanti	ic 427	-37	35.43	(A)	427	35.43
North Centra	al 1,630	-19	33.60	(A)	1,630	33.60
South Centr	al 513	-21	19.38	(A)	513	19.38
West	295	-26	24.35	(A)	295	24.35
U.S. total	3,471(B) -23	29.27	0	3,471	29.27
To-date						
2005	225,995(B	5)		211	226,206	
To-date	•	•				
2004	220,690(B	5)		353	221,043	

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date 1,235,000; for last year to date 2,547,000.

LIVE POULTRY S	SLTRD UNDE	R FEDER	AL INSPE	CTION	(Preliminary)
W/E 24-Dec-200	5 YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	_	DUCKS
		TH(DUSAND	S	
Head	151,687	1,472	1,297	2,769	468
Avg Wt	5.43	3.46	7.76	5.47	6.64
Last week	164,304	1,404	1,488	2,892	521
Same wk yr ago	125,118	1,102	1,175	2,277	405
Avg Wt	5.27	3.45	7.75	5.67	6.68
To-date/2005	8,201,280	72,508	72,143	144,651	25,442
To-date/2004	7,954,897	69,513	69,222	138,735	24,064
(A) The estimate	ed number c	of fryers a	vailable	for marke	ting based on

the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was

155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.5

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Dec-05 Current Week Previous Week 12/31/05(1) 12/24/05 **CLASS** -THOUSAND HEAD -Broiler/fryer 142,201(2) 150,374 Light hens 1.068 1,513 Heavy hens 1,174 1,332 144,443 153,219 Total

million head, or 1.9 million less than estimated available.

(1)ESTIMATED (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Dec-05 is 157.9 million head compared to 139.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 142.5 million head or 15.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 07-Jan-06 the estimated available is 155.4 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

	MILLI	ON HEAD	MILLION HE	AD	
WEEK ENDING	SLAU	GHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT A	/G WT
Week ending	Sla	aughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
November	19	165.6	158.0	105%	5.46
	26	128.0	157.2	81%	5.48
December	3	166.5	157.5	106%	5.47
	10	163.9	158.5	103%	5.46
	17	166.3	157.9	105%	5.37
	24	153.5	155.4	99%	5.43
Year to date		8300.7	8342.9	99%	
December	31		154.6		
January	7		156.5		

<u>FINAL BROILER/FRYER</u> Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 26-DEC-2005 (cents per lb)

U	I.S. GRADE A				COMPOSITE
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		WTD AVG LDS
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.11	37	:	57.75 68
Los Angeles	78.00	75.77	47	:	67.68 142
New York	55.00-58.00	56.87	23	:	58.13 45

COMPOSITE WI	EIGHTED AVERA	GE PRICES FOR R	TC BROILER/FRYERS
	Change from		
26-DEC-2005	19-DEC-2005	19-DEC-2005	27-DEC-2004
62.33	-1.43	63.76	68.12
NUMBER OF LO	OADS 541		
MONTHLY	WEIGHT	ED AVERAGE	LOADS
December		63.98	2367.80
QUARTERLY			
OCTOBER-DI	ECEMBER	66.69	7229.00
YEARLY			
2005		70.91	30,202.00

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	,	,	WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-76	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	70-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-75	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-76	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

				Processed other
	Fro	zen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	12/26/05	3,392	29,007	68,439
AM	12/01/05	3,375	33,192	75,095
CHG		17	-4185	-6656
PCT (CHG	1%	-13%	-9%

HEN MARKETS

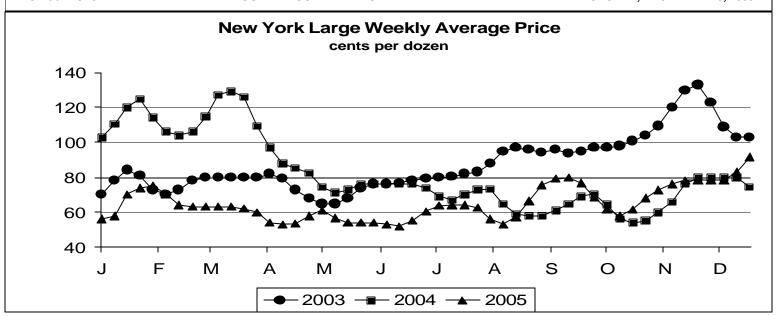
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ter the week of 26	6-DEC-05		WTD
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.53
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.33
(1) At Farm Buyer	Loading (2) At Farm Prod	lucer Loading	

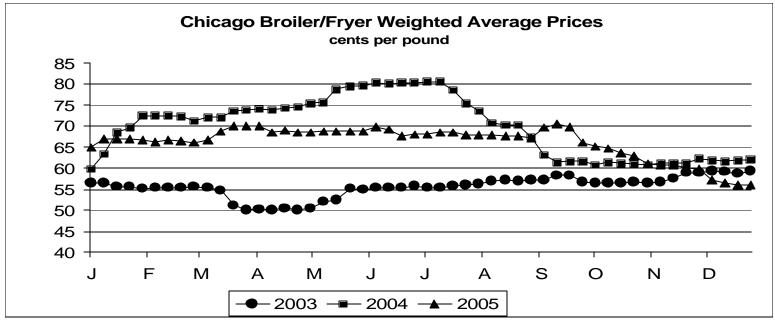
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading *Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

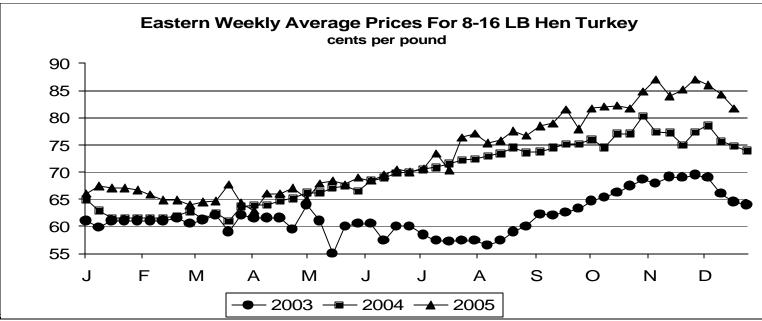
<u>LIGHT TYPE</u> Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

23-DEC-05	REMOVAL	. COST
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-11	7-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	.5-5.5	

COMMERCIAL EGO W/E 24-Dec-2005		(Receipts From	Producers)
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REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	225.6	-1	5
East North Centra	l 628.9	-3	6
West North Centra	al 290.2	-4	3
South Atlantic	213.8	0	-2
South Central	70.9	16	1
West	201.0	-3	3
Total	1629.5	-2	4
Matched Plants re	porting	84	84
Areas Covered: Nor	th Atlantic (ME.VT.N	1A.RI.CT.NH.NY.PA	NJ.MC.DE)
East North Central (\	,		
South Atlantic (SC,N	C,VA,GA,FL,KY) S	South Central (TN,Al	_,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OF	R,UT)	•	,
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